

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A microparticle with a support structure and CD28-specific superagonistic monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) bonded to the support structure, wherein the surface of the support structure is formed by an organic polymer, which is selected from the group consisting of ["]polystyrene, polyurethane, polyester, polyvinylpyridine, polyvinylamine, polyethylenimine, chitosan, and mixtures of such polymers["].

15. (Previously presented) A microparticle according to claim 14, wherein the organic polymer comprises a reactive group that is glycidylether.

16. (Currently Amended) A microparticle according to claim 14, wherein the organic polymer is surface activated by treatment with an activation reagent, which preferably is referred to as p-toluenesulfonyl chloride.

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18. (New) A microparticle according to claim 14, wherein the surface of the support structure (measured by means of the BET method) is 1 to 10 times the geometric surface, assumed as a smooth sphere surface.
19. (New) A microparticle according to claim 14, wherein the surface of the support structure (measured by means of the BET method) is 1 to 4 times the geometric surface, assumed as a smooth sphere surface.